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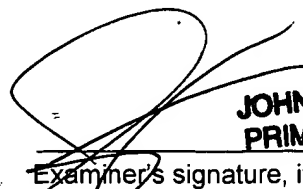
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(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A method of tracking a user of a an Internet-based search and tracking game executing on a user computer, the user navigating between a game site on first server and a plurality of target sites on other servers, comprising:

providing clue information by the first server regarding at least one of the plurality of target sites to the user computer at a start time;

connecting the user computer to the at least one of the plurality of target sites, the at least one of the plurality of target sites including a plurality of target locations;

receiving answer information responsive to the clue information;

comparing the answer information to a predetermined answer key;

recording an end time upon a match between the answer information and the predetermined answer key; and

associating points to a difference between the end time and start time.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) The method of tracking a user of a an Internet-based search and tracking game executing on a user computer, the user navigating between a game site on a first server and a plurality of target sites on other servers, of claim 1 wherein connecting the user computer to the at least one of the plurality of target sites, the at least one of the plurality of target sites including a plurality of target locations, comprises providing the user computer a link to the at least one of the plurality of target sites.

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Claim 3. (Currently Amended) The method of tracking a user of a an Internet-based search and tracking game executing on a user computer, the user navigating between a game site on a first server and a plurality of target sites on other servers, of claim 2 wherein the link is a URL of the at least one of the plurality of target sites.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) The method of tracking a user of a an Internet-based search and tracking game executing on a user computer, the user navigating between a game site on a first server and a plurality of target sites on other servers, of claim 3 further comprising:

identifying the user at the game site; and

providing the identified user computer unique user identification information.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) The method of tracking a user of a an Internet-based search and tracking game executing on a user computer, the user navigating between a game site on a first server and a plurality of target sites on other servers, of claim 4 wherein the predetermined answer key includes a plurality of answers, each answer of the plurality of answers including specific information associated with and available at the at least one of the plurality of target locations of the at least one of the plurality of target sites.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) The method of tracking a user of a an Internet-based search and tracking game executing on a user computer, the user navigating between a game site on a first server

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and a plurality of target sites on other servers, of claim 5 further comprising:

selecting at least one of a plurality of games; and

generating a unique voice module associated with the at least one of the plurality of games selected, the unique voice module providing game information to guide the user to the at least one of the plurality of target sites.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) The method of tracking a user of ~~a~~ an Internet-based search and tracking game executing on a user computer, the user navigating between a game site on a first server and a plurality of target sites on other servers, of claim 6 wherein the generation of the unique voice module and the clue information is based on the at least one of the plurality of games selected.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) The method of tracking a user of ~~a~~ an Internet-based search and tracking game executing on a user computer, the user navigating between a game site on a first server and a plurality of target sites on other servers, of claim 7 wherein the connection of the at least one of the plurality of target sites is based on the game selected.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) The method of tracking a user of ~~a~~ an Internet-based search and tracking game executing on a user computer, the user navigating between a game site on a first server and a plurality of target sites on other servers, of claim 8 further comprising:

aggregating the points associated for each answer information that successfully corresponds to the predetermined answer key; and

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storing the points aggregated at the game site.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) The method of tracking a user of a an Internet-based search and tracking game executing on a user computer, the user navigating between a game site on a first server and a plurality of target sites on other servers, of claim 9 wherein storing the points aggregated includes establishing individual buckets for each identified user and associating the points aggregated to the individual buckets established and a plurality of prizes.

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) The method of tracking a user of a an Internet-based search and tracking game executing on a user computer, the user navigating between a game site on a first server and a plurality of target sites on other servers, of claim 10 further comprising:

identifying a plurality of users at the game site; and
generating unique user identification information
corresponding to each of the plurality of users identified.

Claim 12. (Currently Amended) The method of tracking a user of a an Internet-based search and tracking game executing on a user computer, the user navigating between a game site on a first server and a plurality of target sites on other servers, of claim 11 further comprising notifying each of the identified user regarding status of the game selected.

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) The method of tracking a user of a an Internet-based search and tracking game executing on a user computer, the user navigating between a game site on a first server

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and a plurality of target sites on other servers, of claim 12 further comprising:

generating additional clue information, the additional clue information pertaining to an additional one of the plurality of target sites;

initiating additional start time in response to generation of additional clue information;

connecting the user computer to the additional one of the plurality of target sites;

receiving answer information after connection of the user to the additional one of the plurality of target sites;

comparing answer information to a predetermined answer key;

recording an end time upon the comparison of the answer information to the predetermined answer key being successful; and

associating points to a difference between the end time and start time.

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) A search and tracking game system comprising:

a client computer;

a game server coupled over the Internet with the client computer and including:

a game agent monitoring a selection of games, providing clue information for the selection of games, the clue information pertaining to a target location to the client computer, to determine if the client computer has received target information from the target location and comparing answer information provided by the client computer to a predetermined answer key and associating points to the answer information provided; and

a game database storing records having information on a

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target location and answer information provided.

Claim 15. (Original) The search and tracking game system of claim 14 wherein the game agent further comprises a voice resource configured to generate a unique character voice and animation presentation associated with at least one of the selection of games, the unique character voice and animation presentation provides game information to guide the user to the at least one of the plurality of target sites.

Claim 16. (Original) The search and tracking system of claim 15 wherein the unique character voice and animation presentation and the clue information are based on one of the selection of games.

Claim 17. (Original) The search and tracking system of claim 16 wherein the game agent further comprising a tracking means including an entry means for entering on the user computer a code word guess and comparison means operated by the user computer for comparing the code word guess with the code word and associating a predetermined number of points for the code word guess.

Claim 18. (Original) A computer-based tracking and search game comprising:

a plurality of computer-readable clues, each one of the computer-readable clues being associated with one of a plurality of target web pages provided by at least one web server;

a server computer, with a computer memory, connected to the Internet and storing the plurality of sets of computer-readable clues and points in the computer memory, the server computer

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comprising:

clue provision means for providing one of the computer-readable clues to a user computer connected to the Internet, the one of the computer-readable clues being associated with one of a plurality of target web pages;

tracking means for determining if the user computer has received the one of the plurality of target web pages from at least one web server; and

bucket means for viewing computer-readable points by the user computer.

Claim 19. (Currently Amended) The computer-based tracking and search game of claim 18 further comprising voice means for providing an electronic character to provide a multi-media presentation of information to the user computer from the server computer.

Claim 20. (Currently Amended) A method of tracking a user of a search contest, the user navigating using a user computer connected to the Internet between a game site on the Internet and a plurality of target sites on the Internet, comprising:

providing clue information regarding at least one of the plurality of target sites to the user computer;

connecting the user computer to the at least one of the plurality of target sites, the at least one of the plurality of target sites including a plurality of target locations, at a start time;

receiving answer information responsive to the clue information;

comparing the answer information to a predetermined answer

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key;

recording an end time upon a match between the answer information and the predetermined answer key; and

associating points to a difference between the end time and start time.

Claim 21. (Currently Amended) A method of tracking a user of a search contest, the user navigating between a game site and a plurality of target sites, comprising:

providing clue information regarding at least one of the plurality of target sites to the user;

connecting the user to the at least one of the plurality of target sites, the at least one of the plurality of target sites including a plurality of target locations;

receiving answer information responsive to the clue information;

comparing the answer information to a predetermined answer key; and

granting points based upon a match between the answer information and the predetermined answer key; and

measuring a time period delimited by when the clue information is provided and when the answer information is compared, such that the points granted is further based on the time period measured.

Claim 22. (Cancelled)

Claim 23. (Original) The method of claim 22 further comprising deducting points based upon a difference between the answer information and the predetermined answer key.

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Claim 24. (Original) The method of claim 23 further comprising measuring a time period delimited by when the clue information is provided and when the answer information is compared, such that the points deducted is further based on the time period measured.

Claim 25. (Original) The method of claim 21 further comprising deducting points based upon a difference between the answer information and the predetermined answer key.

Claim 26. (Original) The method of claim 25 further comprising measuring a time period delimited by when the clue information is provided and when the answer information is compared, such that the points deducted is further based on the time period measured.

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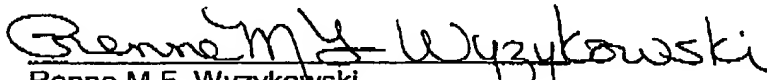
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